

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended) An absorbent swimwear garment comprising:

a chassis defining a waist opening and first and second leg openings with a crotch area between the first and second leg openings, the chassis including a liquid-permeable body side liner, a selectively liquid-permeable outer cover having a crotch area that is more liquid-permeable than the rest of the outer cover, wherein a liquid that permeates the outer cover can be expelled through the outer cover into an open environment outside of the garment, and an absorbent assembly between the body side liner and the outer cover wherein the absorbent assembly is selected from a web comprising cellulosic fluff and a web comprising superabsorbent material.

Claim 2 (Original) The absorbent garment of Claim 1, wherein the outer cover is liquid-permeable only to liquids having a hydrostatic pressure greater than about 1 inch.

Claim 3 (Original) The absorbent garment of Claim 1, wherein the outer cover is liquid-permeable only to liquids having a hydrostatic pressure greater than about 2 inches.

Claim 4 (Original) The absorbent garment of Claim 1, wherein the outer cover is liquid-permeable only to liquids having a hydrostatic pressure greater than about 5 inches.

Claim 5 (Canceled)

Claim 6 (Currently Amended) The absorbent garment of Claim [[5]] 1, further comprising a plurality of apertures in the crotch area of the outer cover.

Claim 7 (Currently Amended) The absorbent garment of Claim [[5]] 1, wherein the absorbent assembly directs incoming aqueous fluids away from the crotch area.

Claim 8 (Canceled)

Claim 9 (Currently Amended) An absorbent swimwear garment comprising:

a chassis defining a waist opening and first and second leg openings with a crotch area between the first and second leg openings, the chassis including a liquid-permeable body side liner, a partially liquid-permeable outer cover having a crotch area that is more liquid-permeable than the rest of the outer cover, wherein a liquid that permeates the outer cover can be expelled through the outer cover into an open environment outside of the garment, and an absorbent assembly between the body side liner and the outer cover wherein the absorbent assembly is selected from a web comprising cellulosic fluff and a web comprising superabsorbent material.

Claim 10 (Original) The absorbent garment of Claim 9, wherein the outer cover is liquid-permeable only to liquids having a hydrostatic pressure greater than about 1 inch.

Claim 11 (Original) The absorbent garment of Claim 9, wherein the outer cover is liquid-permeable only to liquids having a hydrostatic pressure greater than about 2 inches.

Claim 12 (Original) The absorbent garment of Claim 9, wherein the outer cover is liquid-permeable only to liquids having a hydrostatic pressure greater than about 5 inches.

Claim 13 (Canceled)

Claim 14 (Currently Amended) The absorbent garment of Claim [[13]] 9, further comprising a plurality of apertures in the crotch area of the outer cover.

Claim 15 (Currently Amended) The absorbent garment of Claim [[13]] 9, wherein the absorbent assembly directs incoming aqueous fluids away from the crotch area.

Claim 16 (Canceled)

Claim 17 (Currently Amended) An absorbent swimwear garment comprising:

a chassis defining a waist opening and first and second leg openings with a crotch area between the first and second leg openings, the chassis including a body side liner, an outer cover wherein a liquid that permeates the outer cover can be expelled through the outer cover into an open environment outside of the garment, [[and]] an absorbent assembly between the body side liner and the outer cover wherein the absorbent assembly is selected from a web comprising cellulosic fluff and a web comprising superabsorbent material, and a pair of liquid-permeable containment flaps adjacent the first and second leg openings in the crotch area; and
a crotch area in the chassis between the first and second leg openings, the crotch area of the outer cover garment being more liquid-permeable than the rest of the garment, wherein the crotch area of the containment flaps are more liquid-permeable than the rest of the containment flaps.

Claim 18 (Original) The absorbent garment of Claim 17, wherein the crotch area of the outer cover is liquid-permeable only to liquids having a hydrostatic pressure greater than about 1 inch.

Claim 19 (Original) The absorbent garment of Claim 17, wherein the crotch area of the outer cover is liquid-permeable only to liquids having a hydrostatic pressure greater than about 2 inches.

Claim 20 (Original) The absorbent garment of Claim 17, wherein the crotch area of the outer cover is liquid-permeable only to liquids having a hydrostatic pressure greater than about 5 inches.

Claim 21 (Original) The absorbent garment of Claim 17, wherein 5% to 100% of surface area of the outer cover is liquid-permeable.

Claim 22 (Original) The absorbent garment of Claim 17, wherein 8% to 50% of surface area of the outer cover is liquid-permeable.

Claim 23 (Original) The absorbent garment of Claim 17, wherein 10% to 25% of surface area of the outer cover is liquid-permeable.

Claim 24 (Original) The absorbent garment of Claim 17, further comprising a plurality of apertures in the crotch area of the outer cover.

Claim 25 (Canceled)

Claim 26 (Currently Amended) The absorbent garment of Claim [[25]] 17, wherein the containment flaps are liquid-permeable only to liquids having a hydrostatic pressure greater than about 0.5 inch.

Claim 27 (Currently Amended) The absorbent garment of Claim [[25]] 17, wherein the containment flaps are liquid-permeable only to liquids having a hydrostatic pressure greater than about 0.75 inch.

Claim 28 (Currently Amended) The absorbent garment of Claim [[25]] 17, wherein the containment flaps are liquid-permeable only to liquids having a hydrostatic pressure greater than about 1.25 inches.

Claim 29 (Currently Amended) The absorbent garment of Claim [[25]] 17, wherein 5% to 100% of surface area of the containment flaps is liquid-permeable.

Claim 30 (Currently Amended) The absorbent garment of Claim [[25]] 17, wherein 10% to 50% of surface area of the containment flaps is liquid-permeable.

Claim 31 (Currently Amended) The absorbent garment of Claim [[25]] 17, wherein 10% to 30% of surface area of the containment flaps is liquid-permeable.

Claim 32 (Currently Amended) The absorbent garment of Claim [[25]] 17, wherein the containment flaps comprise a gradient of permeability, with a first longitudinal edge of each flap having greater permeability than a second longitudinal edge of each flap.

Claim 33 (Original) The absorbent garment of Claim 32, wherein the first longitudinal edge of each flap is attached to the chassis.

Claim 34 (Currently Amended) The absorbent garment of Claim [[25]] 17, further comprising a plurality of apertures in the containment flaps.

Claim 35 (Currently Amended) The absorbent garment of Claim [[25]] 17, wherein the absorbent assembly directs incoming aqueous fluids away from the containment flaps.